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TAGS: PINS, PINT, MILI, VS

SUBJECT: MR 2 SITREP AUGUST 15

FOLLOWING MSG SENT FROM AMCONSUL NHA TRANG ON AUG 15 ACTION  
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1. SECURITY SITUATION: MILITARY ACTIVITY IN MR 2 REMAINED  
RELATIVELY HIGH OVER THE PAST 48 HOURS. THERE WERE 49  
INCIDENTS REPORTED, MOST OF THEM NVA/VC ATTACKS BY FIRE.  
INCIDENTS WERE CONCENTRATED IN BINH DINH (20), KONTUM  
(10) AND PLEIKU (10). CASUALTIES REMAINED HEAVY ON BOTH  
SIDES: VC/NVA: 76 KIA, 98 ?3 :0TURED; RVNAF AND NATIONAL POLICE:  
27 KIA, 60 WIA. ENEMY LOSSES WERE ENTIRELY IN KONTUM,  
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BINH DINH AND PLEIKU, AND IF THE EIGHT NATIONAL POLICE

KILLED AND THE FOUR OTHERS WOUNDED IN A PHU YEN MINE INCIDENT ARE OMITTED FROM THE RVNAF AGGREGATES, ALL BUT ONE OF THE FRIENDLY CASUALTIES OCCURRED IN THESE SAME PROVINCES. AIR STRIKES HAVE DIMINISHED SHARPLY OVER THE PAST TWO DAYS: 12 ON AUGUST 13 (ALL IN BINH DINH), AND 4 ON AUGUST 14 (ALL IN KONTUM).

2. ON THE EVENING OF AUGUST 13, THE ENEMY ATTACKED THE 1ST BATTALION OF THE 45TH REGT IN AN APPARENT ATTEMPT TO RETAKE THE FIRST-LINE ENEMY POSITION WHICH THE 45TH HAD TAKEN AUGUST 9-10 (SEE AUG 13 SITREP). THE ATTACK WAS REPULSED, AND THERE HAS BEEN NO REPORT OF ANY SUBSEQUENT ENEMY ATTEMPTS TO EXPEL THE 45TH.

3. AT THE WEEKLY NHA TRANG TOC INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING THIS MORNING, IT WAS REPORTED THAT THE NVA 2ND REGT IN NORTH-EASTERN BINH DINH HAD RECEIVED ORDERS TO CONTINUE ATTACKING RVNAF POSITIONS IN THAT AREA THROUGH AUGUST 19. COOK

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